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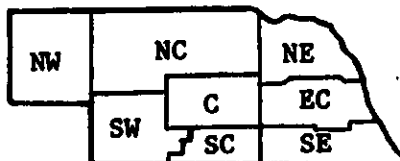
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## WEATHER

The week was dry and warm. Temperatures averaged around three degrees above normal for the week. Little or no precipitation occurred.

## GENERAL

Excellent harvesting conditions prevailed last week and allowed producers to keep harvest ahead of schedule, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Some producers have completed harvesting and were working fall tillage or allowing cattle to enter their corn stalks. Sugar beet and sunflower harvest is active in western counties. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.9.

Topsoil moisture level rated 30% short and 70% adequate. Subsoil moisture level rated 73% short and 27% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture level rated 49% short, 48% adequate and 3% surplus. Subsoil moisture last year rated 21% short, 77% adequate and 2% surplus.

## CROPS

Corn harvest progressed well and was rated 65% complete compared to 58% last year and 38% average. Statewide, harvest progress was about 15 days ahead of normal. Corn harvest was most advanced in the eastern counties and just becoming active in the west. Only limited crop

## CROPS (Cont.)

drying has been necessary as most harvested grain was in the 17-20% moisture range.

Soybeans harvested climbed to 80% complete compared to 84% last year and 52% average. This was also 15 days ahead of normal but slightly behind last year. Soybean harvesting has been completed by many southern and eastern producers.

Sorghum is 75% harvested compared to 72% last year and 42% average. Harvesting was about 16 days ahead of normal. Producers in the southeast and east central were nearing completion and other areas were showing good progress.

Winter wheat condition rated 23% fair, 69% good and 8% excellent. Winter wheat was 95% emerged compared to 98% last year and 93% average. Some reseeding was occurring in the west due to weed infestation. The crop is showing limited growth with many areas needing additional fall moisture.

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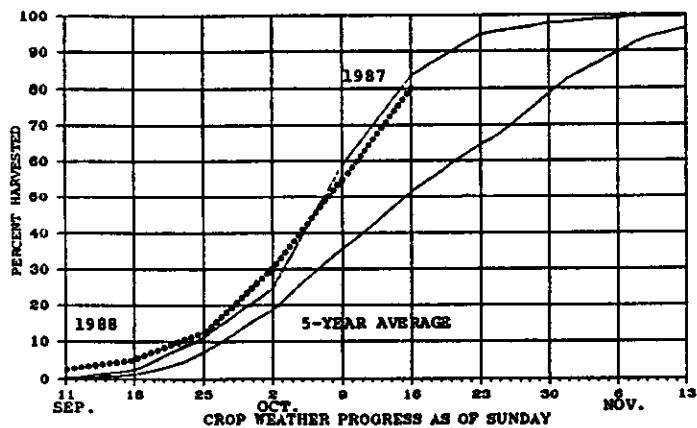
Pasture and range feed supplies rated 1% very short, 35% short and 64% adequate. There were many producers letting their cattle graze corn stalks. Some cool season pastures were supplying needed fall grazing. Hay supplies were being hauled to areas of winter usage. Supplies of hay seem adequate.

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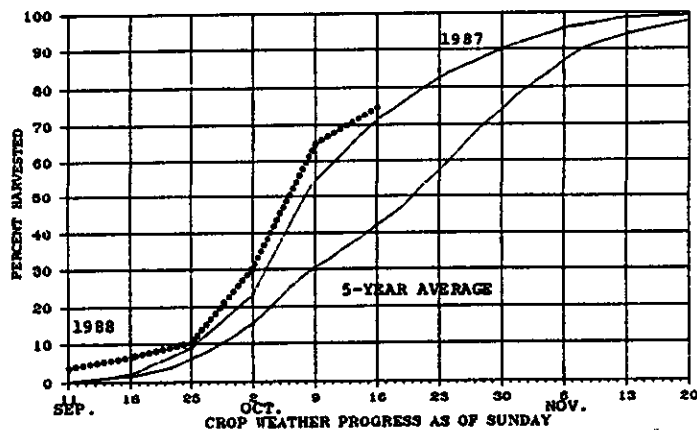
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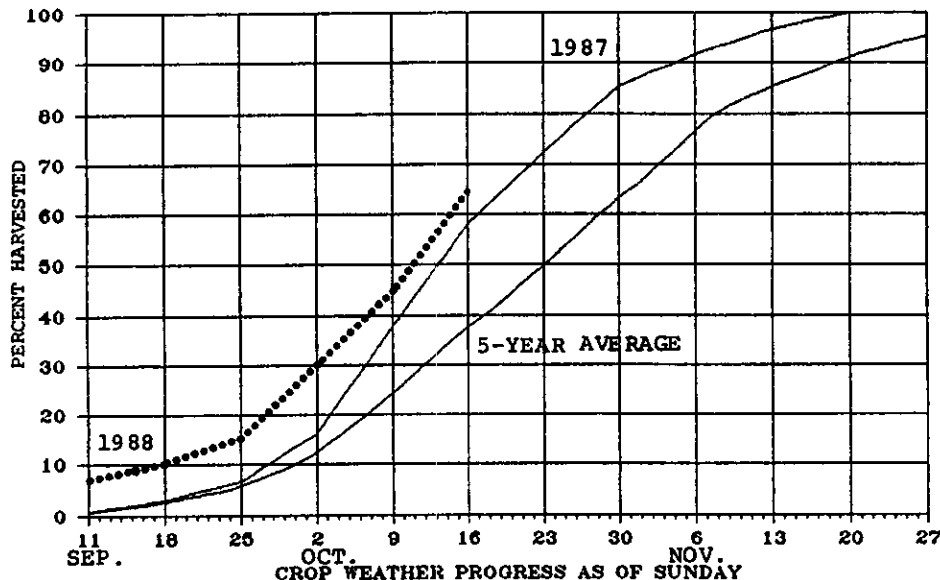
NEBRASKA -- SOYBEANS HARVESTED



NEBRASKA -- SORGHUM HARVESTED



NEBRASKA -- CORN HARVESTED



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1988

